king of St. Croix was of a length to form an epoch in history; for *I* stood, with all the keys of the fortress, magazines, and treasure, &c., in my hands, on the great staircase; and as the Danes had no artillery, the business of my receiving the royal salute was so long, that King Stephano or Trinculo might have done many acts of royalty.

When General Waltershoff arrived by land from the other end of the island where he landed, he proceeded to the fort, where he received the principal people. Numbers of free negroes shook hands with him. We then marched in state to dinner, surrounded by hundreds of negro wenches singing and dancing. The effluvium was not very agreeable. One of these ladies—they all carried little red flags with a white cross—found it convenient to lean upon my shoulder, and stick her flag-staff into my collar. Danish colours were hung out in all parts of the town, which had a pretty effect.

I had always heard there was no twilight in the tropics, but it is not the fact. The moonlight is delightful.

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St. Thomas, February 19th.

Upon the night we left St. Croix, we drove about fifteen miles through a fine road, amidst